

stitched gift wrap

A CLASSIC BROWN PAPER BAG HAS A REALLY GORGEOUS SURFACE. IT'S ALSO STURDY AND AVAILABLE IN A MINUTE TO BECOME FANTASTIC GIFT WRAP. I LOVE THIS PROJECT BECAUSE IT IS SO OPEN TO INTERPRETATION. IT'S AMONG MY FAVORITE RECYCLING PROJECTS BECAUSE YOU CAN USE ANY TYPE OF PAPER, MIX DIFFERENT PAPERS, OR EVEN PATCH PAPERS TOGETHER. I LIKE TO THINK OF IT AS AVANT-GARDE QUILTING.

MATERIALS

Paper bags, different sizes and colors
Paper scraps
Sewing thread, different colors

INSTRUCTIONS

Cut paper bags into square or rectangular pieces.
If you need to, press the paper with a warm iron to remove strong creases.

Set sewing machine to a zigzag stitch.

Sew the paper as you would fabric, embellishing it as desired, using a variety of stitches and thread colors. (A)

To make a large piece of gift wrap, sew sections together, randomly or in a pattern. Continue sewing until the paper is large enough to wrap your gift.

Sew several long strips to make a ribbon, or cut strips from stitched paper and form loops to create a decorative bow. (B)



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